

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the last sentence in the second paragraph of the Background of the Invention on page 1, line 25, as follows:

For example, U.S. Patent No. 4,558,198 and 4,[[4]]689,458 describe microwavable metal containers which have height limitation of less than about 1 inch, and are thus not practical for storing any significant volume of foodstuffs.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention relates to metallic~~ A container for food and beverage products, and more specifically, a substantially metallic container with a microwavable transparent portion and a selectively removable metallic lid, wherein the container can be used in a conventional microwave oven.